

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the first paragraph of the application, just under the title, with the following rewritten paragraph.

This application is the National Stage Entry of International Application PCT/US00/21732, filed 10 August 2000, which International Application designated the U.S., ~~and that~~ which International Application was published under PCT article 21(2) in English and which International Application claims Priority from U.S. Provisional Application no. 60/198,621, filed April 20 2000, now expired, and from U.S. Provisional Application no. 60/148,101, filed August 10 1999, now expired.

Please delete the subtitle “PRIORITY CLAIM FOR THE U.S. DESIGNATION ONLY” and the paragraph just under this subtitle on the amended sheet of page 32.